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SUBJECT: Media Reaction: Asia-Africa summit in Jakarta;  
Dhaka

Summary: Commenting on the Jakarta summit, "Ittefaq" hopes  
that the summit will be able to bridge the differences  
between China and Japan while "Sangbad" hopes that the new  
partnership may play a major role in bargaining in the WTO.

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Asia-Africa Summit in Jakarta  
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"The Afro-Asian summit"  
Conservative Bangla language newspaper "Ittefaq" editorially  
comments 4/26):  
India and China have massive influence over Afro-Asian  
countries. After the first Bandung summit fifty years ago,  
they became allies, but later turned into foes. The  
situation has changed. The two countries have now greatly  
improved their relations. During the second summit of the  
Afro-Asian nations, the rift in relations between China and  
Japan was noticeable. China is the biggest nation in Asia  
and Japan is the most prosperous. It is yet to be seen  
whether the Jakarta summit will be able to bring about an  
understanding between them.

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"The Historic Agreement at the Afro-Asian Summit"  
Pro-opposition Bangla language newspaper "Sangbad"  
editorially comments (4/26):  
After the summit in Jakarta, nations of Asia and Africa  
signed a "New Strategic alliance." After the first summit in  
Bandung, the population in Asia and Africa has increased  
greatly. Incomes have increased in the region, but so has  
poverty. At least half of the populations in Africa and Asia  
live in poverty and deprivation. The new partnership may  
play a major role in bargaining, including with the WTO, in  
this age of globalization. The new Asian-African  
partnership will generate hope among the people. The  
Jakarta summit will be successful if nations of the two  
continents are able to overcome their conflicts and devote  
efforts to achieving progress and eradicating poverty.  
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